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METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITORS CONTAINING THE SAME

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the document A1 is described in the present specification. The relevance of documents A4 and A5 is described in the attached Search Report, citing the references as "X" references and indicating the relevant page numbers.

An English translation of the documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts are provided herewith. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

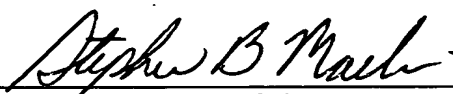
The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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